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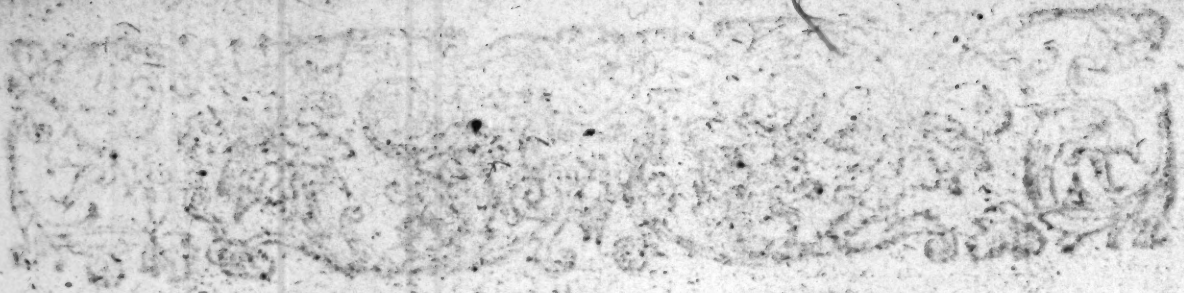
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olde Draperie, or the rich Cloathing
of E N G L A N D.

Performed in affection, and at the
charges of the right Worthie and first honou-
red Companie of *Drapers*: at the enstalmment
of *S^r. Thomas Hayes* Knight, in the high office
of Lord Maior of *London*, on Saturday,
being the 29. day of October.
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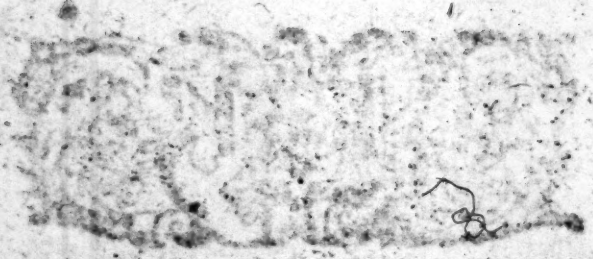
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Or,

The Olde Draperie and Clothing of ENGLAND.

Nevery well-gouver-
ned Kingdome and Com-
mon-wealth, the chieffest
Cittie and Citizens therein,
haue euermore held the
prime place and priority,
as well in matter of honor,
as due right of Antiquity. And as the *Lacedemo-
nians*, the first instructors of the olde *Romans*,
and so (from them) we, and all other Nations
deriued our forme of rule; As they (I say) made
a distinguishing of their most memorable So-
cieties, from other of much lesse note and me-
rite: Euen so this famous Cittie of London,
whose continuall teeming wombe (from time
to time) brought forth many seuerall Mysteries

or Professions, hath referred them all in eminence of place, to twelve onely. Amongst which twelve gradations of honour and dignitie, the first originall began in the first Companie of all other in this Citie the ancient fellowship or Societie of Drapers.

* He lived and wrote in the time of king Stephen.

To approoue the Society of Drapers for the first, when (as yet) there was none other: it is auouched by * *William Fitz Stephen, John Bale, Roger Hoveden*, and others, that the Wooll-winder, (who was the olde Draper or Clothier, as borrowed from the word *Drappier*) did carde and spinne his wooll, then weaue it into cloth, full, rowe, sheare, dresse, and dye it, and sell it afterwards in his shop, performing all these seuerall offices thereto, by him selfe and seruants: which (since then) hath branched it selfe into diuers other Companies, and of one entire Trade or Myserie, is become many.

Out of this list or band of Drapers, issued Sir *Henric Fitz Alwine* knight, descended from that *Alwine*, Vnckle to king *Edgar*, who made him Alderman of all England; when as (till then) the name of Alderman, or Eldermen, was neuer known. This *Henric Fitz Alwine* had the first honour to be stiled * *Maire*, or Mayor of *London*, by favour of King *Richard* the first, surnamed *Coeur de Lyon*, and was him selfe (as is crediblie avouched) a Brother of the same Societie, in honour of the man by him so aduanced, before his journey to the *Holie Land*. For, vntill his time, the

* In the olde Saxon tongue from whence it was deriued, it signifieth *Dominus* or Lord.

the troublesome combussions of the Citie be-
ing not fully settled: the government whereof
remained first in Portgrewes, next in ourriall
Provosts, thiedly in Bayliffes, and lastly in Lord
Maides, as in more place is more at large de-
clared in this booke, which was not as yett written.

Here before I passe any further, but may ap-
peare as a blemish on mine own browe, because
in my Booke in the worthe Company of Gold-
smiths, I did set downe *Henric Fitz-Alwine Fitz-
Leoflane* to bee a Goldsmith, and the first Lord
Mayor of London, alleading my authoritie for
the same in the margent of the same booke, out
of *John Stow*, which now I may seeme to denie,
and affirme the same man to bee a Draper, to the
disgrace of the forenamed Company, and mine
owne deepe discredit. What then I did, was by
warrant of my fore-alleged Author, who find-
ing *Henric Fitz-Alwine Fitz-Leoflane* to bee
Maister or Guardian of the kings Mint, did ther-
fore set him downe to bee a Goldsmith, which
was no wrong to me to doe the like, being there-
to secured by him, and knowing (as then) no o-
ther proove to the contrary. But having per-
used more assured authority in the Drapers Hall,
that one, not named *Henric Fitz-Alwine Fitz-
Leoflane*, but *Henric Fitz-Alwine* a brother of the
olde Drapers, was Lord Mayor of London, foure
and twentie yeares and a halfe (by yere by electi-
on) and longer had been if he had longer lived,
who had also given his dwelling house by *Leaden*
stone,

* The ancient
Chronicle of
the Citie.

stone, to his owne free brethren of the Drapers,
 with an annuity yearly to be paid to the king;
 out of such land as is held of his by them; and
 that hee lieth in the parish Church of S. *Martin*
Botcham buried, the Parish wherein hee liued
 and died; whereas *John Stowe* affirmeth him to
 bee buried in the Priorie of the holy Trinitie,
 called Christs Church, on the right hand with-
 in Aldegate, which is now called the Dukes
 place. Nay more, Maister *Clarentius Cambden*,
 with the aduise of diuers other good Antiqua-
 ries beside, hath (vnder his hand and Seale of
 Office) confirmed him to be none other then a
 Draper. What more free confession can any
 man make, then of his blinde misleading by a
 blinder guide? In whose behalf I dare yet boldly
 maintaine, that no such error escaped from him
 wilfully, or willingly, his care and endeavour
 was so great, but mis-information, or incapaci-
 tie of reading, may (as it hath done to many)
 wrong better men then any that are concerned
 in this case, yet without any preiudice or disho-
 nour to any. *What offence then may the Companie of*
Mercers take, who make challenge likewise to
the very same man, by mistaking Sir Finc. Ma-
war (a Mercer indeed) for Sir Finc. Ma-
war the old Draper? Or what of the Rishanger,
who hee me their worthy Waltham, the first
Knighted Mayor in the field, to be the same man
also, and that no man before him was Mayor of
London?

London? I answered freely for my selfe, and ap-
 peale to an especiall Gentleman in the magi-
 ned injured companies of Goldsmiths (who
 tooke no meane paines to be reformed in this
 case) that no certaine assurance could be had
 therein, but that it remained doubtful between
 both the Societies. And therefore we perused
 that old *Parliament*, not *fit* *how* *is* the booke
 yet may be seene, to cut off all such contentions
 questions. Seeing then that reverend anti-
 quitie, embleme of honour, and due right of
 merit, bestowed so high a dignity upon the
 Drapers: I might well be justly condemned, if
 I should seeke after any other argument of cre-
 dit for them (when to make a business com-
 munitie require it) then their own due defer-
 ring, so long time sleeping in oblivion, yet now
 revived, to their endless honour.

The walles of any City, were termed by the
Groinns, according as we use our instaurati-
 course, *Himata Pectoris*. The Cloathing or gar-
 ments of the Citie. Intimating thereby, that
 as garments and cloathing doe ingirt the body,
 defending it continually from the extremities
 of colde and heat: so walles, being the best gar-
 ments of any City, do preserve it from all dan-
 gerous annoyances. Here on we lay the founda-
 tion of our desire, in a knowledge of the
 the rich Cloathing of *Italy*, which long before
 the knowledge of *Italy* like habites, clothed
 both *Palaces* & people at *Italy*, by the same
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renowne of the Kingdom, and admiration of
 forraigne nations, to whom our Draperie (a
 bounding in her owne plenty) by meanes of na-
 vigation and commerce, afforded the rich li-
 berie of this land, better embraced by them, and
 much more highly esteemed, then all other tra-
 ffique whatsoever. As well appeared by that
 famous Knight and trayler, Sir Francis Drake,
 who having rounde the whole world, and noa-
 ted the riches & best endowments of every na-
 tion, founde none to equall the Draperie and
 cloathing of England. In regarde whereof, he
 chose to be a loving Brother of the Drapers So-
 cietie, before all other Companies of the Citie.
 Wherefore our first land devise is a Shippe, ve-
 ry artificially and workemanly framed, called
 the *Bark-Henry*, fitted with Captaine, Maister,
 Mate. &c. and supposedly laden with woollen
 cloth, to make exchange for other Coun-
 triss best commodities, and thought meet to
 shew the way to the residence of the shewes,
 which are directed to follow in this manner.
 A beautifull Chariot, drawen by two golden
 bellotted Lyons, and with golden Woolves Em-
 minis, after the manner of the triumphall
 Chariots of the Romaine Emperours, is graced
 with the supposed shap. of King Richard the
 first, with the severall figures of so many Citizens
 in England about him, as convenient to of place
 and carriage graunted them in. Those Cit-
 izens are disiphered by their Eschubions of
 Armes,

Armes, and that their best advantage should
 be made by making of woollen Cloathes, for the
 continuall maintenance of England Draperies.
 But London sitting neerest vnto himselfe, as
 chiefe Mother and mart of them all, he be-
 comes the head of his chiefe Chamber, with
 triple imperiall Crowne of golde, under baner
 led or branched with Cloudes, and beames of
 the Sunne, being the Armes of the Drapers So-
 cietie, and declaring his power and honour besto-
 wed on her, by his aduancement of Sir Henry
 Fitz-Alwine to the Maiorallie, in whom began
 the olde Drapers' Guild.

After this Charter, followed a Pageant of
 goodly Monument, figuring the whole estate of
 London's olde Draperie. In the top preame and
 most eminent seat, sitte a woman, or Queene
 thing, as Mother, Lady and commander of
 all the rest, who by their distinct emblemes and
 properties, (apted for the easiest apprehension)
 doe expresse their duties and attendance on so
 gracious a person, in their severall places and
 offices to them belonging; As in Carding,
 Spinning, Weaving, Rowing, Pulling, Shear-
 ing, Dressing, Dying, Tenting and perfor-
 ming all other services to woollen Cloathes,
 which at first was done onely by the Draper, or
 Clothier. Peace, Plentie, Liberalitie, Councell
 and Discreet Zeale, doe supporte the flourishing
 condition of *Himantiaes* Common-wealth, and
 strive to preuent all occasions which may
 seeme

Some sinister or hurtfull thereto. Our device which wee speake last of, and yet is appointed the first in service, serueth both for the water and land. Till the yeare 1453. the Lord Maiors of London used to ride on horsebacke to Westminster, at such time as each one went to take his oath. But S. Iohn Norman Draper, being then Maior, at his owne cost and charge, and for the reliefe of poore Watermen, who were much distressed in those daies, made a very goodly Barge for himselfe and his Brethren, so he rowed therein by water to Westminster, and so to continue for a yearely custome. It was a costly Barge, and the Oares are said to bee couered with silver, in memorie whereof, and the honest benefite yerely found thereby: the Watermen made a pleasant song called, *Rowe thy Oare Norman, &c.* This honour beginning likewise in the Draper, and falling out so fitly to helpe our invention: in a goodly faire Barge, made meete for the purpose, attendeth the supposed shadow of Sir Iohn Norman; with the seauen liberall Sciences (all attired like graceful Ladies) sitting about him, vntill such time as the Lord Maior commeth to take water, and then he salueth him with this speech.

S. Iohn Normans speech

on the Water.

Welcome to the water, worthy Brother Draper. Imagine me to be the true resemblance of olde *S. Iohn Norman*, sometime Lord Maior of this famous Citie, and the first that deuised this water honour, making my Barge at mine owne proper cost, and rowed with siluer Oares to *Westminster*, when (as you now) I then went to take mine oath. In regard whereof, I was the first Maior, that was presented to the Barons, of the Exchequer. The imaginarie shapes of the seauen liberal Sciences, each one distinguished by their true charracter, are placed as my companions in my Barge: in memorie of the loue I euer bare to learning, and no meane bounties by me extended for the maintenance thereof. I joy, that in uention would make vse of my remembrance in this manner, to doe any seruice so so desertfull a Brother, and to the Companie of *Drapers* which I dearly affected. On then my hearts, and as in those elder dayes you declared your loue to olde *Iohn Norman*: so expresse somewhat nowe to delight my honourd Brother, singing cheerfully, *Rowe thy Boate Norman*.

Which beeing no sooner ended, but diuers sweet singing youths, belonging to the maiester that enstrusteth the yong Quiristers of *S. Iohn*, be-

ing all attired in faire wrought wastcoates, and caps belonging also to them, each having a silver Oare in his hand, do sing a most sweet dittie of *Rome thy Boate Norman*, and so seeme to rowe vp along to *Westminster*, in honour of the Lord Maiors attendance.

For the severall peales of Ordinance, which make better report in the aire, then they can be expressed by pen: For the Drums, Fifes, Trumpers, and other musical Instruments, whereof each Company maketh their choice, to grace this honourable service out and home againe, in the true affection of flowing Citizens, not suffering their chiefe Magistrate to want any part of their kinde respect and furtherance: they can much better speake for themselves then I, and serve but as a breaching time to mee, vntill my Lords returne and landing. When all our duties being martialled in order, according as we have formerly related, except a goodly Ranne or Golden Peece, with a Shepheard sitting by it, as occasion serveth, delivereth his intention in this ensuing speech.

The Shepheard.

Why gaze yee so vpon me: am I not a man, flesh, bloud, and bone, as you are? Or in these silken sackin Townes, are poore plaine meaning Shepheards woondred at, like Comets or blazing Starres? Or is it this
goodly

goodly beast by me, that fills your eyes with ad-
 miration? It is he so, let me then resolve ye, that
 it is an article of dutie which we Shepheards of
Cotswold owe to the old *Drapers* of *Londō*, for ke-
 ping their flocks on the *Cotswold* hills, that whē
 any worthy Brother of their Society comes to
 be L. Maior of this City, the very fairest Ram
 in all their flocks is sent vnto them as a solemne
 offering, as being the Crest of their Companies
 Armes, and the chiefe maintainer of Wooll
 for cloathing. In which respect, my Father a-
 bout some six and twenty yeares since, when S.
Martin Calthrope (a Brother of the same Society)
 was Lord Maior, brought then the like goodly
 Ramme as his oblation, and I hearing, that his
 man S. *Thomas Hays*, and another man, Mas-
 ter *Martin Lamber* (by the blessing of heauen
 and their owne vertuous endeauours) were the
 next chosen Brethren of the same Band, the one
 to succeed in the selfe same dignitie of the Ma-
 ioraltie, and the other of the Shrieualty; haue
 brought this as my heartes free offering, in ho-
 nour of them that so dearly affected them, and in
 my dutie to them both, with all my utmost for-
 uice beside. For thus say we in *Cotswold*.
 And with these fewe words desires, we will be
 his Honors way toward Guide House: and will be
 come to S. *Lambert* and S. *James* Church.
 From the *Ramme* and the *Lamb*.
 From both our finest
 woollens are shorne.

Woolle

*Wool had thus from
 the Ramme and Lambe,
 makes the best Cloath,
 that can be worne.
 Thanke then the Draper
 that began:
 To make such Clossing,
 meete for man.*

*For, if wee haue no Ramme, wee are sure to
 haue no Lambe: no Lambe, no Woolle: no
 wooll, no Cloth: no Cloth, no Draper.*

*Hauen graunt that we may neuer see these noes,
 For we shall haue felicitie in many noes:
 But that of Ram, Lambe, wooll, Cloth, still we may haue
 So shall the Drapers then thrive more and more.*

*As meane additions, to giue some small lustre
 to the Showe, because ouer many were
 thought inconuenient, we make vse of a golden
 pelleted Lyon, a supporter to the Companies
 Armes, with a Champion mounted on his back,
 and a golden wolfe Embleme, the Ensigne of
 Imprese belonging to the Lord Maiors Crest.
 And with these fewe slender deuises, we vs her
 his Honors way toward *Guilde-Haule*; vntill he
 come to *S. Laurence-Dore*, where the figure of
S. Henrie Fitz-Alaine, thus fauourably stayeth
 him.*

*From both our sides
 woollers are borne*

IN times of olde Antiquitie,
 When men liu'd long and healthfully,
 Detesting sloth and idlenesse,
 Which breeds but surfet and excesse.
 When yea and nay was greatest Oath,
 And mens best weare, good woollen Cloath,
 Reclped Englands Draperie,
 More worth then gaudie brauerie,
 Of Silken twine, Silver and Golde,
 Nere knownen in those blest daies of olde:
 Then liu'd that graue and worthie man,
 That Londons honour first began,
 By title of the Maioralty,
 A high and famous dignitie:
 Henrie Fitz-Alwine was his name,
 Noble by birth, and of much fame,
 Whose substance though his graue hath kept,
 Foure hundred yeeres, where he hath slept,
 Yet is his shadowe raise'd in me,
 To grace this daies solemnitie,
 For he being first that held the may
 Of Maior in London, iustly may
 Challenge (by right priuilegie)
 In honouring his owne Companie,
 With all that sacred Poesie can
 Denise, to grace so good a man,
 As first with hearts, hands, and free voice,
 Was thought meet in the peoples choise
 To rancke in that rich rowle of fame;
 That honoured first the Drapers name.
 And worthie Brother here survey
 Those

Those senerall kinds of Londons sway
 Till royall Richard first in me,
 Altered the rule to Maioraltrie.
 Portgreues held first by strict command,
 Next Prouosts with a sterner hand,
 Such from the Conquest was the case
 Of Londons awe, till milder grace
 Made choice of Bayliffes, men thought fit
 In the Kings iudgement Courts to sit,
 And right all causes of contention:
 By upright censure, or prevention.
 Yet all this could not please the king,
 In two mens rule grew varying,
 By leaning to what part each listd,
 So might by might was still resisted.
 Wrongs unredrest, offences flowing,
 Garboyles & grudges each where growing.
 Therefore as God had giuen him place,
 Solely to rule, and iudge each case,
 So would he plant a deputie,
 To figure his authoritie,
 In the true forme of Monarchie,
 Then which, no better soueraignie,
 Which office being imposde on me,
 By such a gracious Maiestie:
 I held it foure and twentie yeares,
 (Rarely elected, as appeares.)
 Vntill my verie dying day.
 Since when (my Lord) I can well say,
 The Science of olde Draperie,
 (Our louing kind Society)

*Has geelded many a Magistrate,
In the selfe same degree of state.
And Time reserveth in his store,
For the like honour, many more.
On then before, for we must send,
Till this daies triumph have full end.*

The number
of 45. Lord
Maiors,

The solemnitie of so pompous a feast being finished, and his Honor (according to yearelie custome) returning towards *Paules*, with all the former conceits gracefully borne before him: he is mildlie sollicitated for a minutes stay by old *Sir John Norman*, who (in this manner) giueth him a reason for it.

*The Speech at the little Conduit in the after-
noone, at my Lords going to Paules.*

HOnorable Lord and Brother, it is imposed on olde *John Norman*, brieflie to describe these two beautifull deuises to yee. In the first, which manifesteth the Honor of Draperie, your well iudging eye may easily conceiue, each person by their apt distinguishment. The Mother, Olde Draperie, with her Daughters and attendants placed about her, doe deliver the *Drapers* true antiquitie, and that which he and his onely performed, is since become the benifit of diuers trades or occupations. Carding, Spinning, Weaving, Fulling, Rowing, Shearing, Dressing, Dying, Tentering, and what else

else appertained to wollen cloath, was the auncient *Drapers* sole profession, and the chiefe honour of this famous Kingdome: flourishing thereby in so many happy blessings, and so fortified by *Peace, Plenty, Bountie, Councell* and *Discrete Zeale*, that all other nations sate and admired thereat. You haue a taste of this felicity in that other Deuise, beautified with the chiefe Clothing Cities of this Land, for maintenance of auncient *Draperie*, whereof *London* sitteth the highest aduanced, as being his choyce Chamber that first made a *Draper* the onely Gouvernor thereof. I am loath to hold yee long, and well I wot, more ample relation hath beene made vnto yee; and therefore to God and your good deuotions I heartily commend yee.

Night folding vp bright day in dimme mantles of darkenesse, and those diuine ceremonies ended, which waite as Henchmen on that daies duetic, the Starres seeme to leaue their places in their fixed Spheares, and become as so many bright flaming Torches to grace our worthy Magistrate home, euen to his house, (as it were) in the malice of blacke-fac'd night, and to further the finishing of so solempne a Tryumph, which endeth with this humble farewell giuen to his Honor.

The Speech delivered to the Lord
Mayor at parting.

THe longest daies haue end at last,
And pleasures pompe is but a blast,
Honour seemy Lord that sullen night,
Sworne enemy to daies delight,
(For all the pride these Tapers make,)
Whispers, that we must farewell take.
To doubt of your ensuing care,
Or to advise yee, to prepare
For enuies stormes, or soothing smiles,
That wait on such high place some whiles:
Longs not to me. For in your eie
Such true Characters I espie
Of vertue, zeale, and upright heed,
That you will proue the man indeed,
Meet such a charge to undergoe:
Where heauen's hand hath raise you so
And that you'll equall any yet
That in the selfe-same place hath set.
Such is the hope of all that loue yee,
Amongst whom, I cannot choose but moue yee
With their remembrance, that this day
Haue done as much as men well may
In honouring this Solemnity,
The Drapers worthie Company.
Their loue and bountie hath exprest,
How with their fauours you are blest:
For, as their kindnesse hath not scant:
So hath no needfull seruice wanted.

*For this daies honour and delight:
And so my worshie Lord good night.*

Thus the worthy and first honoured Company of *Drapers*, hauing (in louing and bountifull manner) declared their kinde affection to as affable a Magistrate ; I may not omit onething more, wherein the dutious respect of themselves, and loue to the Citie very manifestly approoued their worth: for, when many solemne meetings haue beene made in the *Guild Hall*, for election of a Sheriffe by common consent, and as many refusalls still hapning day by day, to the great disquiet of the Companies, and mighty delay of time; yet when no one would vndergoe the Office and charge, a *Draper* hath done it, worthily and willingly, though no Aldermans place as then was voyd, witnesse Maister *Benedict Barneham*, a learned and iudicious Gentleman, who chearefully vndertooke the Shrieualty in *Anno 1591*. Next, Maister *Henric Iaye*, but a yeare since, and Maister *Martin Lumley* now Sheriffe of *London*, all of them louing Bretheren of the *Drapers Society*.

To conclude, as the seuerall Inuentions (with all their weakenesses and imperfections) were mine owne : so the worth and credit of their performance (if any may waite on so meane a businesse) belongeth to the exact and skilfull
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